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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Dkt. No.: PA-00404US

In re Application of: KIPPIE, David P. Group Art Unit: 1712

Serial No.: 10813314 Examiner: John J. Figueroa

Confirmation No.: 3626

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For: MONOVALENT CATION CONTAINING WELL FLUIDS

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The following is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 5/04/2006, for which the three-month date for response is 8/4/2006.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the required one-month extension of time fee or any other necessary fees, from Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00404US.